



Annual Summary

School Year 2020-2021

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES — ENHANCING ACHIEVEMENT

Message from the Board Chair

Reflecting on the last school year, I am proud of what the Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) accomplished in a year of unprecedented stress and uncertainty. With the help of our all-volunteer team and our donors, FLITE was able to be nimble and flexible with new and existing programs to meet the urgent needs of T/E kids in the COVID era.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who supported FLITE during this uncertain time. Fundraising was just one of our many challenges as we made the necessary call to cancel both our September Golf Outing and March Harlem Wizards game, putting a third of our fundraising at risk. Our fall solicitation campaign was a pleasant surprise as, despite their own hardships, our loyal business, foundation and individual donors continued to give generously. Consistent with prior years, we redirected more than 98% of proceeds raised to programs for T/E kids.

To respond to changing needs, we worked closely with the school district to assess the opportunity gaps created by the COVID-related shutdown. One result was the COVID Academic Support Program that allowed 25 students to attend supervised learning centers so their parents could go back to work. The Mobile Hotspot Program was another initiative where FLITE provided 50 families with the high-speed internet hotspot they lacked and that is required for virtual learning. Many of our traditional programs — including homework club — were switched to

virtual. All eleven of our core programs continued in one form or another. At times we were charting very untested waters, but the feedback was very positive with significant benefits to the economically disadvantaged community FLITE serves.

As the 2021-22 school year begins, we look forward to a year when most kids are back in school full time. Unfortunately, there will still be fallout, with many kids struggling to catch back up and others struggling with after-shocks of the prolonged lockdown including meaningful mental health issues. Not all families have rebounded from the economic hit from COVID-19 and we are ready to help these families, some who have never had to ask for help in the past.

We are in continuous dialogue with school administrators and FLITE is open to providing help in new ways. Preliminary data suggests we will be serving more students this year than last. We believe strongly that active early intervention is the best way to narrow the learning gap that has been exacerbated by COVID.

As we look to a new fiscal year, the organization is in solid shape to move forward. On behalf of myself and the whole FLITE organization, I wish good health for you and your families.

In gratitude,

Kate Murphy
FLITE Chair, 2020-2021

What Is FLITE? The Foundation for Learning In Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) is a local non-profit foundation that helps to ensure that all students in Tredyffrin/Easttown Schools, especially those who face barriers to their educational success, have the academic tools, opportunities and support they need to succeed in school.

FLITE-funded programs help hundreds of students each year.

FLITE-Funded Programs School Year 2020-2021

After School Homework Program: This afternoon program, staffed by T/E teachers, instructional assistants and school counselors, helps elementary and middle-school students to develop good study skills and to complete homework assignments. Additionally, FLITE provides transportation for students.

College Readiness Program: Students are introduced to post high school education opportunities. The goal is to inspire and motivate students to view college as a viable and attainable option to consider after graduation.

Computers for Kids: FLITE provides funds to T&E Care to help purchase/refurbish computers to distribute to students. Access to a computer has become an essential resource for all students.

Graphing Calculators: Every student at Conestoga is required to use graphing calculators. By providing the students with their own calculators they are able to take advantage of the curriculum instruction and be on par with their peers.

Hot Spots: In 2020-2021, the District provided access to a device for every K-12 student. Access to the internet remains a challenge for some students. The goal is to make sure every student has internet access and is able to participate in daily instruction.

Kindergarten Enrichment: FLITE provides tuition assistance for Kindergarteners to attend a half-day academic enrichment session. The

program is operated at each T/E Elementary School.

Music in Our Schools: This program provides funding for instrument rentals to those students who otherwise may not be able to participate.

Preschool Tuition Assistance: In partnership with local preschools, FLITE provides preschool tuition assistance to young students residing in Tredyffrin and Easttown who meet certain financial criteria.

School Supplies: FLITE provides funds to T&E Care to help purchase and distribute backpacks and other necessary school supplies for students.

Summer Learning Opportunities: For students entering grades 5 through 12, FLITE provides financial assistance to various academic, fine arts and leadership camps. FLITE funding pays for summer required reading books at the Easttown Library for student use. FLITE also funds the Delaware Valley Friends School Summer Academic Program that provides intense and individualized instruction for middle and high school students.

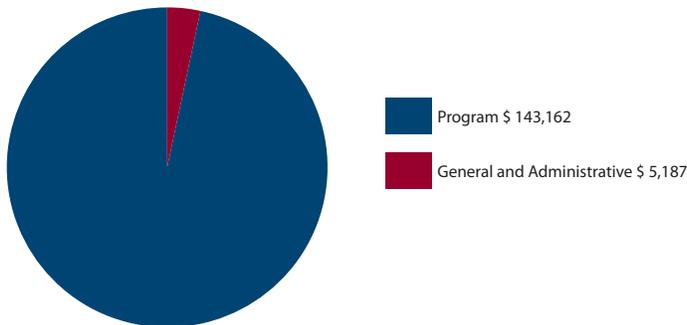
FLITE Scholarships are awarded each spring to graduating seniors with financial need who display strong leadership and drive, among other qualities. The current scholarship amount is \$2,000/year for up to 4 years of post-high school education expenses.

In the wake of the Covid pandemic, FLITE jumped in and added a new program, the COVID Academic Support Program (CASP), offering low-income families access to a supervised learning environment (e.g., Upper Main Line YMCA, A Child's Place, Wayne Learning Center) on the days students were distance learning. Parents were able to work while still ensuring their children did not fall further behind academically.

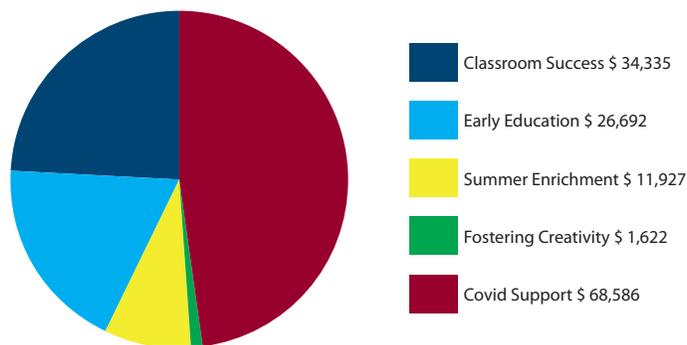
Thanks to generous in-kind donations of local vendors and the services of our volunteers, over 98% of total expenses were spent directly on FLITE programs in 2020-2021.

Financial Summary

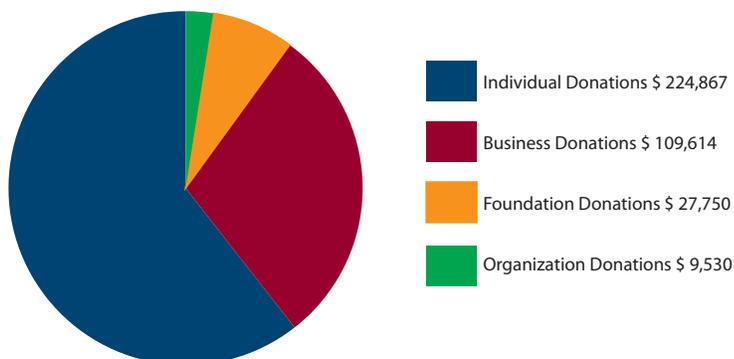
Total Expenses July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 \$ 148,349



Total Program Expenses July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021 \$ 143,162



Total Receipts July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 \$ 371,761



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